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1. WE ARE PUZZLED BY STATEMENT PARA (2) REFTTEL THAT

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT UNABLE DISCUSS OECD DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES WITH BUSINESSMEN UNTIL EC AGREES ON JOINT INTERPRETATION. ALL OECD MEMBERS EXCEPT TURKEY ACCEPTED THE GUIDELINES WITHOUT RESERVATION. BASED ON NEGOTIATING HISTORY OF OECD GUIDELINES, WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AMONG EC MEMBERS ON INTERPRETATION OR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINES. SINCE INDIVIDUAL EC MEMBER STATES ACCEPTED THE GUIDELINES, QUESTION OF JOINT EC IMPLEMENTATION NEED NOT ARISE.

2. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER LIGHT EMBASSY BRUSSELS, USEC OR USOECD MAY BE ABLE TO SHED ON THIS MATTER. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IS USING ALLEGED LACK OF JOINT EC POSITION TO MASK ITS OWN RELUCTANCE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE GUIDELINES AT THIS TIME? IS EC IN FACT CONSIDERING JOINT ACTION ON THE GUIDELINES? KISSINGER

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